

Remarks/Arguments

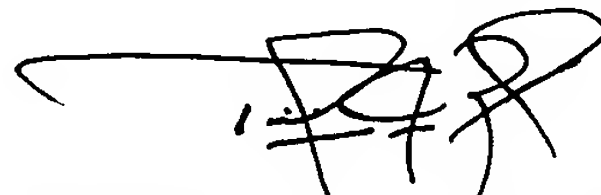
Claims 1-4 are pending in this application. The Examiner has rejected claims 1-4 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1 and 3 of U.S. Pat. No. 6,585,580 to Hergott et al. in view of U.S. Pat. No. 4,417,368 to Washburn. In response, Applicant has cancelled claims 3 and 4. Additionally, Applicant submits herewith a terminal disclaimer pertaining to claims 1 and 2. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejection.

Conclusion

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicant believes that claims 1 and 2 are in condition for allowance, and Applicant respectfully requests allowance of such claims. If any issues remain that may be expeditiously addressed in a telephone interview, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at 515-558-0200.

Any fees or extensions of time believed to be due in connection with this amendment are enclosed with this amendment; however, consider this a request for any extension inadvertently omitted, and charge any additional fees to Deposit Account No. 50-2098.

Respectfully submitted,



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